

The National Immigrant Victims' Access to Justice Partnership

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Re: Free training on the use of the U-visa to improve law enforcement's work with immigrant victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and other crimes

To all L.E.:

Legal Momentum, a national policy organization advancing the rights and opportunities for women and girls, and the Vera Institute of Justice, a nationally-recognized independent center for justice policy and practice, are hosting a free training on the use of the U-visa for law enforcement.

The one-day training is being co-sponsored by the Spokane Police Department and the YWCA of Spokane. The training will be held at the Spokane Police Department, 2302 North Waterworks, Spokane, WA, 99212 and will run from 8 am to 4 pm on Friday, June 3, 2011. Breakfast and lunch will be provided and law enforcement officers from the State of Washington will be eligible to receive educational credits.

The National Immigrant Victims' Access to Justice Partnership is funded by the U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance and uses innovative approaches to assist law enforcement in using a vital crime fighting tool. The U-visa, which is a visa that immigrant victims of crime can receive if they cooperate with law enforcement, strengthens the ability of law enforcement agencies to fight crime by addressing immigrant victims' fear of reporting crime and collaborating with law enforcement.

The training faculty will include Sergeant Inspector Tony Flores of the San Francisco Police Department, Officer Shelli Sonnenberg of the Boise Police Department, Leslye Orloff of Legal Momentum, and Rodolfo Estrada of the Vera Institute of Justice. All are experts on violence against immigrant victims of crime and train nationally on the U-visa as a tool to assist law enforcement in the detection and investigation of crimes committed against immigrant victims, including crimes such as domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking.

We invite all your staff that is or will potentially be tasked with working with immigrant victims of crime to attend. Your staff will join 25-35 other law enforcement officers from around the area. Officers attending the training will be given a U-visa tool kit, which includes a FAQs sheet, a U-visa flowchart, and other valuable tools. To participate in this training, please register using the following link: <http://www.legalmomentum.org/our-work/immigrant-women-program/bja-washingtonstate.html>.

If you have questions, please contact Alejandro Navarro at 202-326-0044 or anavarro@legalmomentum.org.

Sincerely yours,

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AGENDA
BUILDING LAW ENFORCEMENT CAPACITY TO SERVE IMMIGRANT VICTIMS TRAINING
SPOKANE, WASHINGTON
JUNE 3, 2011

Training Day: 8:00am – 4:00pm

8:00—8:30a.m.	BREAKFAST AND REGISTRATION
8:30 – 9:00 a.m.	WELCOME, OVERVIEW, AND INTRODUCTIONS
9:00 – 9:45 a.m.	IMMIGRANTS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT
9:45 – 10:00 a.m.	BREAK
10:00 – 11:15 a.m.	U-VISA: THE PURPOSE AND THE PROCESS
11:15 – 12:15 p.m.	HELPFULNESS
12:15 – 1:15 p.m.	LUNCH
1:15 – 2:15 p.m.	IDENTIFYING AND ADDRESSING DIFFICULT ISSUES FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT ON U-VISA CERTIFICATIONS
2:15 – 3:00 p.m.	PROTOCOLS
3:00 – 3:40 p.m.	COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP
3:40-4:00 p.m.	EVALUATIONS AND ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATES

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